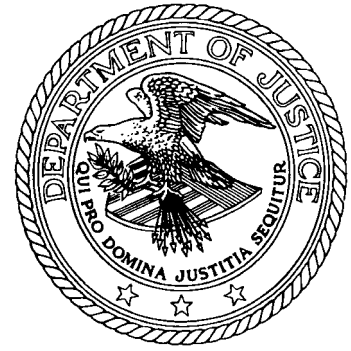


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**NEWS RELEASE SUMMARY** - August 11, 2005

United States Attorney Carol C. Lam announced that Edward Pratt was sentenced today in U.S. District Court in San Diego by the Honorable Gordon Thompson, Jr. to serve 30 months in custody, based on Pratt's conviction for bank robbery. Judge Thompson also ordered that Pratt serve a three-year term of supervised release following his release from prison and pay restitution to the victim bank for the entire loss. Pratt was convicted of robbing the Union Bank of California at 4771 Spring Street, La Mesa, California. According to court documents, on April 18, 2005, Pratt entered the bank and presented a demand note to one of the bank's tellers. In that note, Pratt stated that he was armed and demanded cash from the teller. In response to Pratt's threats and intimidation, the teller handed over \$3,935.00 in cash from a cash drawer. Pratt fled the bank and was arrested by San Diego police the following day. Pratt pled guilty to the offense on May 26, 2005.

U.S. Attorney Carol Lam praised the efforts of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the San Diego Police Department for their investigation and quick apprehension of the defendant.

**DEFENDANT**

Name: Edward Pratt

**SUMMARY OF CHARGES**

Title 18, United States Code, Section 2113(a) (Bank Robbery)

Maximum Penalty: Twenty years' incarceration

\$250,000 fine

Three years of supervised release

**INVESTIGATING AGENCIES**

Federal Bureau of Investigation

San Diego Police Department